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Report Highlights:

Burma exported 46,277 MT of beans and pulses in November, a decrease of 35 percent from the same period in 2009, with 60 percent going to India. Additionally, 3,888 MT of mung bean were exported through border trade to China.

Trade

Burma's beans and pulses exports in November 2010 totaled 46,277 MT, down 35 percent from 70,899 MT in November 2009. 60 percent of the exports were destined to India, 19 percent to China and 9 percent to Indonesia. Matpe (black gram) accounted for 58 percent of the total exports, followed by mung bean (green gram) 30 percent and toor whole (pigeon pea) 10 percent.

Total exports of beans and pulses in the first 11 months of 2010 (January -November) also declined significantly by 43 percent from 1,486,332 MT in 2009 to 855,116 MT in 2010 due to increased cultivation and production in India in response to the Indian government's price incentive program.

Only 6,000 MT of matpe ready cargo (RC) and 1,050 MT of matpe special RC were traded in Bayint Naung wholesale market

Table 1. Beans and Pulses Exports by Types and Destination in November, 2010 (MT)

	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor Whole	Other	Total
India	0	21,337	1,975	4,656	0	27,968
China (border trade)	0	0	8,827	0	0	8,827
Indonesia		3,200	1,185			4,385
Japan	4	2,134	988	0	0	3,126
Philippines	0	0	790	0	0	790
Singapore	0	0	0	0	591	591
Malaysia	0	0	0	0	354	354
Thailand	0	0	0	0	236	236
Total	4	26,671	13,765	4,656	1,181	46,277
Other category includes kidney, bamboo, black eye, sultani, gram, chickpea and brown brown beans						

Table 2. Monthly Export of Pulses and Beans for 2009-2010.

	2009		2010	
	Monthly	Cumulative Total	Monthly	Cumulative Total
January	192,619	192,619	64,576	64,576
February	169,236	361,855	125,428	190,004
March	206,703	568,558	133,315	323,319
April	82,743	651,301	57,379	380,698
May	74,501	725,802	69,025	449,723
June	321,187	1,046,989	79,447	529,170
July	118,805	1,165,794	72,910	602,080
August	70,334	1,236,128	72,791	674,871
September	63,216	1,299,344	70,381	745,252
October	116,089	1,415,433	63,587	808,839
November	70,899	1,486,332	46,277	855,116
December	49,867	1,536,199		

Export Prospects

An increase in cultivated area of pulses and beans in India, resulting from a price incentive program implemented by the Indian government, has resulted in a softening demand for Burmese matpe (black gram) and mung (green gram) beans and is expected to continue throughout 2010. Up to November, the total export of pulses and beans declined 43 percent compared to previous year.

Current export prices for mung bean (green gram) is \$1020/MT, which remains unchanged from the previous year, and matpe (black gram) \$1120/MT, which is 9 percent lower from last year. The export price of toor whole is \$670/MT, a 50 percent price reduction from 2010, which has been detrimental to traders who bought toor whole at \$885/MT at the beginning of the year speculating that prices were to continue a surging trend. If prices remain flat, traders will be forced to dispose of their stocks by selling the toor whole beans at a huge discount to vermicelli plants in Rangoon.

Total exports of beans and pulses for 2010 are expected to be 900,000 MT, a decline of 44 percent. Due to lower prices and high supplies, it's expected that planting area will be reduced between 10-15 percent for 2011.

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